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## Got a Minute?

## The Idaho State Treasurer's Office Encourages you to Search for Lost Money

Have you ever had the euphoric experience of reaching in your pocket and finding an unexpected \$20 bill? Imagine the feeling of finding an even larger amount of forgotten money.

"Idaho's Unclaimed Property Division (UCP) receives millions of dollars in unclaimed money from businesses and organizations that have lost contact with the owners. We encourage people to check our website each year," said Julie Ellsworth, Idaho State Treasurer.

In 2018, UCP received over \$15 million in cash and over 5 million shares of stock. Add that to the amount of money from prior years and it averages out to about 1 in 3 Idahoans having unclaimed money.

What exactly are unclaimed properties? Common types include:

- Dormant bank accounts
- Uncashed checks
- Rebate or refund checks
- Safe deposit box contents
- Insurance claim payments
- Stock or bond dividends

Visit the UCP website at YourMoney.Idaho.gov and search for your name. If you find your name, you can instantly file a claim. This begins the claim process, which ultimately will end with a payment being mailed to you once the verification process is completed.

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